

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

On page 13, line 1, please delete the current heading "CLAIMS" and insert the following new heading:

--What is claimed is:---

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document such as a passport, savings book or bankbook or the like which has a number of pages which are joined together by means of a fixing (16) or adhesive, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ incorporated into the security document (10) by means of the fixing (16) or adhesive is a transfer film (18) which is provided with security elements and which has a base film (20) and a decorative layer arrangement (22) having the security elements, and that the decorative layer arrangement (22) has an adhesive layer (56) on the side remote from the base film (20).

2. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the base film (20) of the transfer film (18) provided with security elements comprises a transparent or non-transparent plastic material.

3. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the base film (20) of the transfer film (18) which is provided with security elements comprises paper or a paper-like substrate.

4. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~and claim 3 characterized in that~~ the decorative layer arrangement (20) having security elements is temporarily connected by means of a release layer (36) to a carrier film (38) which is permanently connected to the base film (20) by means of a permanent adhesive (40).

5. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 3, ~~wherein or claim 4 characterized in that~~ the base film (20) has at least one window opening.

6. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 5 characterized in that~~ the decorative layer arrangement (22) is applied in the form of a label to the base film (20) or to the carrier film (38) which is permanently connected to the base film (20).

7. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 5 characterized in that~~ the decorative layer arrangement (22) is laminated onto the base film (20) or onto the carrier film (38) which is permanently connected to the base film (20).

8. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 8 characterized in that~~ the decorative layer arrangement (22) is transparent or partially transparent.

9. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 8 characterized in that~~ the base film (20) and/or the carrier film (38) is provided with position markings and/or with numberings (barcodes).

10. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document in particular as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 9 characterized in that~~ at least the base film (20) is provided with a perforation (24) for cutting out the base film (20) or the base film (20) with the carrier film (38) permanently connected thereto.

11. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the perforation (24) is provided only in the base film (20) and the decorative layer arrangement (22) is laterally spaced from the perforation (24).

12. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the perforation (24) extends through the base film (20) and through the decorative layer arrangement (22).

13. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~one of claims 10 through 12 characterized in that~~ the perforation (24) of the transfer film (18) having security elements is provided in coincident relationship with the fixing (16) or adhesive of the security document (10) and the transfer film (18) provided with security elements is fixed by means of the fixing (16) or adhesive in the security document (10).

14. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 10, wherein ~~one of claims 10 through 12 characterized in that~~ the perforation (24) of the transfer film (18) having security elements is disposed laterally displaced with respect to the fixing (16) or adhesive of the security document (10) and the edge region (32) of the transfer film (18), which edge region is defined by the perforation (24), is fixed in the security document (10) by means of the fixing (16) or adhesive in such a way that a base film strip (24) remains on both sides of the fixing (16).

15. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 14, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the base film (20) comprises a security paper having security features.

16. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 15 characterized in that~~ the transfer film (18) provided with security elements is of surface dimensions adapted to a page of the security document (10).

17. (Currently Amended) An individualized security document as set forth in claim 1, wherein ~~one of claims 1 through 15 characterized in that~~ the transfer film (18) provided with security elements is of surface dimensions adapted to a double page of the security document (10).